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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL

REF: STATE 87094

1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED CAMBODIAN ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON AND SEVERAL OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH FOLLOW CAMBODIAN SITUATION ABOUT APRIL MEETING IN OSLO.

2. ROBERT P. DEVECCHI, INDOCHINA PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (AND FORMER FSO), HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PERHAPS SERVING AS WITNESS OR PANEL MEMBER AT CONFERENCE IF CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS SO DESIRE. INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE IS LONG-ESTABLISHED AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCY WHICH HAS HAD MAJOR ROLE IN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SINCE 1930'S. IRC HAS PLAYED LARGE PART IN INDO-
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CHINESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN PAST FEW YEARS. IRC EMPLOYEES IN THAILAND WORK DIRECTLY WITH USG REFUGEE OFFICERS THERE AS VOLAG IS CHARGED WITH PRE-SCREENING REFUGEES FOR ADMISSION INTO U.S. PROGRAM. DEVECCHI HAS SPENT MUCH TIME IN THAILAND SUPERVISING IRC PROGRAM. HE MOST RECENTLY VISITED CAMBODIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN THAILAND IN FEBRUARY, 1978, WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED IRC DIRECTOR LEO CHERNE AND

OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENT NATIONAL

CITIZENS' COMMISSION TO SOUTHEAST ASIA TO LOOK INTO PLIGHT
OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.

3. INFORMATION IRC COLLECTS IN ITS VISITS TO REFUGEE
CAMPS IS NOT REPEAT NOT ON INTERNAL SITUATION IN CAMBODIA
BUT RATHER INFORMATION ABOUT WHO REFUGEES ARE, WHAT THEIR
OCCUPATIONS WERE, WHAT THEIR MOTIVES WERE FOR LEAVING AND
WHERE THEY WISH TO RESETTLE. DEVECCHI STATES HE IS NOT
EXPERT ON CAMBODIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS OR CAMBODIAN HISTORY.
HIS VALUE AS WITNESS WOULD BE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE PROFILE
OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE ESCAPED THEIR COUNTRY AND
TO CONTRADICT ANY IMPRESSION THAT THESE REFUGEES ARE MOST-
LY FORMER RIGHTIST POLITICIANS, ARMY LEADERS, OR WEALTHY
MERCHANTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY INFORM ORGANIZERS OF
INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL OF DEVECCHI'S BACKGROUND
AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORK OF TRIBUNAL. IF ORGANIZERS
OF TRIBUNAL WISH TO INVITE DEVECCHI TO APPEAR AS WITNESS,
DEPARTMENT WILL CONVEY INVITATION. DEVECCHI UNDERSTANDS
THAT HE OR IRC WOULD HAVE TO FUND HIS TRAVEL TO OSLO FOR
MEETING.
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